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## 2011 MBC Annual Meeting Schedule

### Nov. 1, 2011 • Tuesday Morning, First Session

|       |  |                             |
|-------|--|-----------------------------|
| 8:25  | Concert of Praise .....  | Praise Team                 |
| 8:35  | Call to Order .....  | Gary Richardson             |
|       | Congregational Praise and Worship .....                          | Tom Wilson                  |
|       | Scripture Reading & Prayer .....                                 | Ian Sheridan                |
| 8:55  | Organization of the Convention .....                             | Gary Richardson             |
|       | Committee on Order .....   |                             |
|       | of Business Report .....   | Steve Mooneyham             |
|       | Recognition of Tellers Committee and Credentials Committee ..... | Gary Richardson             |
|       | Welcome from FBC, Jackson .....                                  | Bob Gladney                 |
| 9:10  | Congregational Praise and Worship .....                          | Tom Wilson                  |
| 9:15  | Bible Treasures .....  | Robert Jeffress             |
| 9:40  | Report of Committee on Committees .....                          | Ben James                   |
| 9:45  | Presentation of Resolutions .....                                |                             |
| 9:50  | Election of the President .....                                  | Gary Richardson             |
| 10:10 | Congregational Praise and Worship .....                          | Tom Wilson                  |
| 10:15 | Convention Board Report .....                                    | Clarence Cooper             |
| 10:25 | Congregational Praise and Worship .....                          | Tom Wilson                  |
| 10:35 | Christian Action Commission Report .....                         | Jimmy Porter                |
| 10:45 | Concert of Praise .....  | Worship Choir and Orchestra |
| 10:55 | President's Address .....  | Gary Richardson             |
| 11:30 | Benediction .....  | John Richardson             |

### Nov. 1, 2011 • Tuesday Afternoon, Second Session

|      |   |                               |
|------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1:30 | Concert of Praise .....                 | Mississippi Singing Churchmen |
| 1:45 | Call to Order .....                     | Paul Crowley                  |
|      | Congregational Praise and Worship ..... | Mark Manning                  |
|      | Scripture Reading & Prayer .....        | Paul and Melinda Hand         |
| 2:00 | Bible Treasures .....                   | Robert Jeffress               |
| 2:25 | Concert of Praise .....                 | Mississippi Singing Churchmen |
| 2:35 | Business Session .....                  | Gary Richardson               |
|      | Presentation of 2012 Budget .....       | Kent Cochran                  |
|      | Results of Election of President .....  |                               |
|      | Election of Convention Officers .....   |                               |
|      | Presentation of Resolutions .....       |                               |
|      | Miscellaneous Business .....            |                               |
| 3:00 | Missions Mobilization .....             | Ken Rhodes                    |
| 3:15 | Music Feature .....                     | Celebration Choir             |
| 3:20 | Business Session .....                  | Gary Richardson               |
|      | Election of Convention Officers .....   |                               |
|      | Miscellaneous Business .....            |                               |
| 3:35 | Congregational Praise and Worship ..... | Mark Manning                  |
| 3:40 | Choral Praise .....                     | Celebration Choir             |
| 3:50 | Convention Sermon .....                 | James Lewis                   |
| 4:25 | Benediction .....                       | Grant Stegall                 |

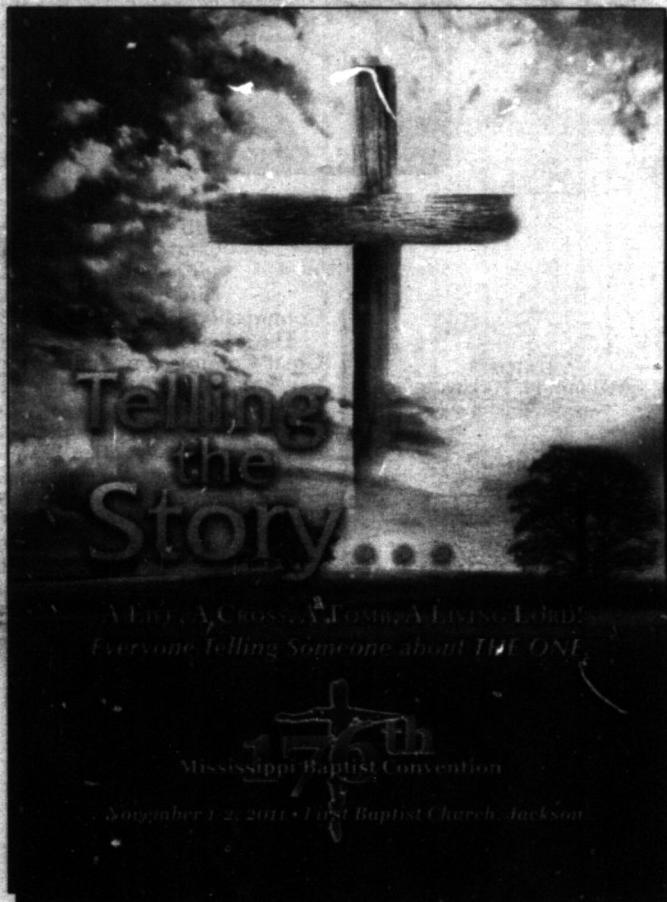
### Nov. 1, 2011 • Tuesday Night, Third Session

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| 6:30 | Music Feature Mississippi Baptist Convention Orchestra ..... |                   |
| 6:40 | Call to Order .....  | Gary Richardson   |
|      | Final Presentation of Resolutions .....                      |                   |
|      | Congregational Praise and Worship .....                      | Slater Murphy     |
|      | Scripture Reading & Prayer .....                             | William Spencer   |
| 6:55 | Choral Praise .....  | Combined Choirs   |
| 7:05 | Congregational Praise and Worship .....                      | Slater Murphy     |
| 7:10 | Choral Praise .....  | Combined Choirs   |
| 7:20 | Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Emphasis .....          | Jim Futral        |
| 8:00 | Benediction .....  | J.C. Renfroe, Sr. |

### Nov. 2, 2011 • Wednesday Morning, Fourth Session

|       |   |                 |
|-------|---|-----------------|
| 8:30  | Call to Order .....                         | Chris Aldridge  |
|       | Music Feature .....                         | Red Roots Trio  |
| 8:45  | Scripture Reading & Prayer .....            | Wes White       |
|       | Mississippi Baptist Foundation Report ..... | Daniel Hall     |
| 8:55  | Memorial Service .....                      | Bruce Cappleman |
| 9:05  | Introduction of College Presidents .....    | Gary Richardson |
| 9:10  | Mississippi College Report .....            | Lee Royce       |
| 9:20  | Recognition of Bivocational Pastor .....    | Dale Holloway   |
| 9:25  | Music Feature .....                         | Red Roots Trio  |
| 9:35  | Bible Treasures .....                       | Robert Jeffress |
| 10:00 | Business Session .....                      | Gary Richardson |

For a list of area accommodations and special pricing for the Mississippi Baptist Convention see page six.



Preschool care will be available for children by pre-registration, ages birth through five, at First Baptist Church, Jackson, during the Pastors' Conference and the Mississippi Baptist Convention, October 31, noon – November 2, 2011. Call Michelle Sansing, Childcare Coordinator, at 601-949-1997 to pre-register. All children must be pre-registered by Monday, October 24, 2011.

The preschool departments are located on the street level off North State Street.

Following are the procedures:

1. Pre-register, giving name and age of each child, the parent, and the church.
2. Pick up a security card for each child on arrival.
3. Be sure all belongings are labeled.
4. For infants, leave a time schedule for feeding.
5. Leave the children no earlier than 15 minutes before the beginning of a session and pick them up no later than 15 minutes after the close of the session.

Children may remain in the preschool area during the Convention lunch break on Tuesday if parents provide a sack lunch.

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| Adoption of 2012 Budget .....                 | Kent Cochran          |
| Committee on Nominations Report .....         | R. Bryant Barnes, Jr. |
| Time, Place & Preacher Committee Report ..... | Dan Robertson         |
| Resolutions Committee Report .....            | Marc Howard           |
| Miscellaneous Business .....                  | Gary Richardson       |
| Baptist Children's Village Report .....       | Rory Lee              |
| Music Feature .....                           | Red Roots Trio        |
| Message .....                                 | Michael Catt          |
| Closing Remarks .....                         | Gary Richardson       |
| Benediction .....                             | Brady McMillen        |



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# Our civic duty, our spiritual duty

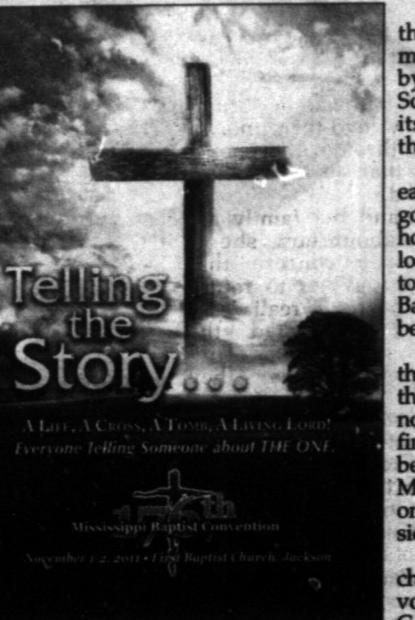
Someone somewhere will always think that a given election is the most important in the history of a city or county or state or the nation, but it would be difficult to underestimate the gravity of the next two elections we face. On Nov. 8 of this year — less than a month from now — Mississippians will hold our quadrennial statewide general election. On Nov. 6, 2012, Americans will elect a president, every member of the U.S. House of Representatives, and one-third of the U.S. Senate.

It is not only our right as Christians to vote in the democratic Republic our Founding Fathers organized so well for us, it is our responsibility. If Christians expect to be taken seriously, we have to vote. Politicians understand the power of the ballot box.

If voting is an important aspect of our civic duty, attending the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention is an important aspect of our spiritual duty. The convention, which will meet on Nov. 1-2 at First Church, Jackson, has since 1824 served as a blessing from God for the furtherance of Kingdom work and obedience to our Lord's Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

The Mississippi Baptist Convention is a critical link in the Great Commission chain that stretches from each of us in the pews to the people serving on the most remote mission fields on earth — and that's no exaggeration. From this incredible chain has grown the greatest missionary-sending enterprise in the history of the Protestantism — and that's no exaggeration, either.

The Cooperative Program is the unified giving plan that sprang from unified Baptists to support our manifold and far-flung ministries. Through the Cooperative Program, the people in the pews have the opportunity to give to their local church, which retains a percentage of the funds for their local missions activities and sends the remainder to their state Baptist convention (in our case, the Mississippi Baptist Convention).



## GUEST OPINION:

### Churches going green: take care of the basics

By Benjamin B. Phillips  
Houston, Texas



Many churches and individual Christians are looking for ways to take up the responsibility God has given people to be stewards of the earth (Genesis 1:26, 28), but how can it be done? Here are some fundamental yet practical tips that go beyond banal and often unjustified demands.

• Count all the costs. One reason many families and churches are reassessing their energy use is growing costs. Being a good steward involves not paying more than is necessary for goods and services. Wasting money in one area means fewer resources for essential ministry. Turning off lights and idled computers will use less power. Maintaining HVAC units and using high-tech thermostats will also save power and money.

• Insist on sound environmental science. Science is not the enemy. Modern science and engineering have improved human stewardship of the environment. Even the use of technologies that we take for granted in Europe and North America can make a large and positive difference in the environment and the lives of people in Africa, Asia, and South America. Crisis-

nature that reflects the harmony of the original Garden of Eden (Genesis 1:26, 28; 2:15). Scripture does not reject human intervention in nature. It demands it (Matthew 25:14f).

Scripture also prioritizes the value of human life in the context of creation (Psalm 8:5-8). Christians concerned about fulfilling our stewardship responsibility cannot faithfully make environmental stewardship equivalent to evangelism and missions (Matthew 28:19-20). What will it profit us if we gain the whole earth yet lose millions of souls (Matthew 16:26)?

Scripture calls people to be good stewards of the earth, but it does not see the ideal world as pristine nature. We are to develop a beneficial and fruitful dominion over

the state Baptist conventions receive those funds and retain a portion for state missions activities. The remainder is sent by the state Baptist conventions to the Southern Baptist Convention, which uses its portion of the gifts from the people in the pews to fund its missions activities.

All along the Cooperative Program pipeline, each entity determines the portion of churchgoers' gifts that will be retained at that level and how much will be sent on to the next level. The local church determines how much will be sent to the state Baptist conventions, and the state Baptist conventions determine how much will be sent to the Southern Baptist Convention.

That's where you come in. It is important that members be involved in the decisions that are made at the local church level — and not all of those important decisions involve finances. It is equally important that the members of churches affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention be involved on the state convention level, as crucial decisions of all types are also made there.

Messengers are chosen by their local churches to represent their local churches in voting matters of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, as presented at the annual meeting.

To find out how to represent your church at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, contact your church office.

If your church office isn't sure how to do that, ask them to contact the office of the executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board at (601) 292-3201 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651, ext. 201. E-mail: [bbox@mbcb.org](mailto:bbox@mbcb.org).

The annual meeting is not all business. You don't even have to be designated as a messenger to attend the annual meeting. It's open to anyone who wants to join together to worship the Lord and praise His greatness — and there's plenty of time and plenty of ways set aside on the schedule to do just that. (Only registered messengers can vote on business, however.)

Like our secular government, our denominational polity is centered around self-governance. Both systems work because the people get involved. One is our civic duty; the other is our spiritual duty. May we not fail in our commitment to either.

people in the Third World: water pollution, indoor air pollution from cooking fires, and soil erosion are among the many environmental hazards that lead to disease, malnutrition, and early death.

Christians can combine environmentalism and evangelism at the point of addressing the environmental issues that inflict the greatest immediate harm on the world's poor. In so doing, they win a more sympathetic hearing for the Gospel.

Many of these solutions run counter to the current anti-carbon orthodoxy of the global warming movement, but providing low-cost electricity makes a huge difference in the level of life-enhancing, environment-saving technologies available in poor countries.

Building power plants may be beyond the resources of churches, but drilling water wells, teaching soil-conserving farming, and constructing chimneys to alleviate indoor air pollution are well within our means.

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# Miss. Baptist combines love of Gospel, cooking

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Since winning Fox Television Network's MasterChef contest last year, Mississippian Whitney Miller has been sharing her love of food with the publication of her first cookbook, but new recipes and satisfied taste buds aren't all this southerner wants to spread.

Miller and her family are cautious about how she is portrayed, a concern that almost caused her to refuse signing the basic reality TV contract that stated the show's producers could depict her any way they wished.

However, the show's executive producer promised her that cameras would only film on set and how she acted in front of them was how she would be shown onscreen, she said.

Even after the show, Miller is careful with her actions because she does not want to do anything that would discourage people from the Gospel. For example, she refuses to be a part of events held in casinos.

"I have my morals and values and I stand on those," Miller said. "If money is put towards me or whatever, I don't sway from my beliefs."

Ramsay, the show's head judge, told Miller, who was 22 at the time, that she was too young during her audition. Now she has turned that snub around and encourages other young men and women. Every time she signs a copy of her new cookbook, *Modern Hospitality*, she writes "I Timothy 4:12," which says: "Don't let anyone look down

on you because you are

young,

but set an example for

the believers in speech, in life,

in love, in faith and in purity."

"I really love the opportunity that through the book I can use that as a witness," Miller said.

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A MESSAGE FROM  
A CEMETERY MARKER



## Directions

Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer  
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

One day I was visiting an old cemetery that was very large. I went through the entrance gate and was going to look around for some of the old significant gravesites in the cemetery. There were a number of very important people from years gone by buried at this historical site. As I went into the cemetery, right at the entryway there was a fairly large granite marker. I walked over thinking it might be the burial place of some statesman, literary giant, or famous pastor. I looked at the name and right under it written in quotes was, "Little Major Neal." I thought this must have been a military leader. Then I read on down and saw the dates of birth and death and I realized that this was a nine-year old child who had died. At the very bottom of this big tombstone it said, "How many folks lie here?" I stood there thinking about this large marker for a brief life and realized that huge dreams were buried there.

Beyond just getting my attention this marker reminded me that life cannot be measured only in years. Actually, great joys and significant accomplishments can be poured into just a few years.

A second thing that the marker said to me was concerning the sadness of a short life. How many great experiences did Little Major Neal miss? The parents must have thought about intellectual achievements, possibly athletic greatness, marriage, family, and community leadership. When a life is brief, we always

seem to focus on the good that is missed and fail to think about the bad from which he might have been delivered. In his future there could have been tests that were failed, hurtful and broken relationships, lost jobs, cancer, heart attacks, drugs, car accidents, and that is not to mention the little things we struggle with like not making the team, having to wear braces, or being overweight or too skinny. Life always seems to have its downside.

A third thing that the marker said to me was concerning the greater sadness of a long life unfulfilled. I looked around the cemetery that stretched over hills and valleys. I wondered how many people were buried there who lived to be 70, 80, or 90 years of age. I even saw markers of folks who lived to be over 100. How many lived, tried, failed, died, and it could be written of them, "How many unfulfilled dreams lie here?" Through the years I have noticed that one of the saddest things in life is to see people up in years that have so little to celebrate. They had hoped for so much and so many things had gone sour. Maybe it was a marriage that did not work out, a book that was unwritten, a song that was unsung, or jobs and positions

they applied for and did not get. The experiences mount up and the poison seems to be throughout their system. The years, though many, only seem to intensify the failures.

There was a final message that came to me from this interesting marker in the cemetery: "Maximize the day, this day the one in your possession." The Scripture says, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps. 118:24). It is the people who have found

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that relationship with the Lord and day-by-day go about their work, do their jobs, love the Lord, hug their kids, show kindness to the folks they come in contact with, say an encouraging word, write an uplifting letter, and just one day at a time keep accumulating and piling up blessing after blessing who find life itself a wonder to behold.

While there is not much that we can do about the shattered dreams of the past or the thoughtless wrong decisions that we have made, today is quite different. It sits before you and me laden with possibilities that we can take advantage of and literally make a difference. Since we have this one day to do something, let's get on with it!

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Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Psalm Forty-three: Five

### CAREGIVERS' CONFERENCE

#### Affirmations & Caregiver Challenges:

#### Caring for the Patient with Cognitive Impairment

For Case Managers, Nurses, Social Workers, & Caregivers  
(CEU credits applied for)

Thursday, October 20  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church Jackson  
Fellowship Hall East

431 North State Street  
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To register, call 601.984.1300

Caregivers: \$15  
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Continental Breakfast & Lunch  
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# HOUSE TOPS

Matthew 10:27 NAS

October 13, 2011

HouseTops is a Baptist Record supplement produced by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Communication Services.

**Day for Homeschool Students**  
Friday, Nov. 4 • 10am-3pm • Lunch included

Adventure Recreation Day is for homeschool students in grades 1-12. Activities will include kiddie, low, and high ropes courses and other outdoor activities.

Cost: \$10 per person / \$30 max per family, due at time of registration

Registration deadline: Oct. 31, 2011

Contact Garaywa, at 601-924-7034, for a registration form.

**A Woman's Guide to Joyful Living**  
Rhonda H. Kelley

**MINISTERS' WIVES CONFERENCE**  
Monday, October 31, 2011  
FBC Chapel, Jackson  
1:15 – 4:45 p.m.

### STUDENT MINISTER'S RETREAT

NOVEMBER 14-16, 2011

LAKE TIAK O'KHATA

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### HOW DO I REGISTER?

**STEP ONE:** Register with the Discipleship and Family Ministry Department for the actual conference. [There is no charge for the conference itself.] Mail the registration form to:

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PO Box 530, Jackson MS 39205-0530

OR e-mail René Edwards, with ALL of the information from the form, to [rredwards@mbcb.org](mailto:rredwards@mbcb.org).

**STEP TWO:** Make your lodging/meal reservations directly with Lake Tiak O'Khata. Make sure you let them know you're with Mississippi Baptist Student Minister's Retreat. Lake Tiak O'Khata, 888.845.6151 or 662.773.7853  
2011 Lake Tiak O'Khata Pricing: Single - \$215.65, one to a room;  
Double - \$143.89 per person, two to a room; Triple - \$119.35 per person,  
three to a room; Quad - \$98.75 per person, four to a room  
Rooms must be individually reserved and guaranteed with a deposit by the release date of October 28. Reservations must be made with the motel, and you are responsible for securing your own roommate(s). Cancellation policy is one week prior to arrival date. Availability of rooms is limited.  
Meals are available for individual purchase for those who do not stay at Lake Tiak O'Khata.

If you choose not to stay at Lake Tiak O'Khata, you will be responsible for paying for individual meals you eat in the restaurant during the retreat.

## Baptist Women's Day of Prayer

November 7, 2011



Every year on the first Monday of November, Baptist women around the world gather to pray for each other and give to support projects that improve the lives of women and children.

For program resources and more information go to  
[www.nabwu.org](http://www.nabwu.org)

**Bivo/Small Church Ministers & Wives Banquet**  
Oct. 31 @ 5 p.m. @ Baptist Building Sky Room (Fourth Floor)  
You must have reservations for the banquet.

Please contact the Pastor/Leadership Development Department to make reservations.  
601.292.3305 or [bivoldr@aol.com](mailto:bivoldr@aol.com)

# TRANSITIONS

## Discovering the Generosity Factor

The Stewardship Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is making a tool available for churches to use for a 3-4 week Stewardship Emphasis.

Resources include a CD/DVD with Sunday School lessons and sermons; bulletin inserts for up to three Sundays; giving envelopes; and a poster.

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## YOUTH EVANGELISM CHALLENGE

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Tues., Dec. 29, 1:30 p.m.

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## SBC Seminary Extension Directors AND Associational Missions Directors BREAKFAST

During the Mississippi Baptist Convention

Nov. 1

7-8 a.m.

### Baptist Building Chapel

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Randy Williams, SBC Seminary Extension Director will be available to answer any questions about the program and/or starting one in your association.

## INTERIM PASTOR TRAINING

Tuesday, November 15, 2011  
9 a.m. — noon

Mississippi Baptist Building Chapel  
Jackson, Mississippi

LED BY:  
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Director  
MBCB Pastor/Leadership Development

Bruce Cappleman  
Director  
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Training begins at 1:30 p.m. on February 6  
and ends at 3 p.m. on February 8

Contact Bruce Cappleman  
at bccappleman@mbcb.org or  
Carol Taylor at chtaylor@mbcb.org  
or call (801) 848-3800 or  
(800) 748-1651 to register.

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## Bivo/Small Church Council Meeting

Oct. 31, 3 p.m.

Baptist Building Sky Room, 4th Floor

Mississippi Baptist Christian Educators Fellowship

## Fall Luncheon

October 31, 2011  
First Baptist Church, Jackson  
CLC Auditorium

Focus Group  
Pastors  
Ministers of Education  
Youth Ministers  
Other Age Group Leadership

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$10 – (Meal)

Personnel

Larry Leblanc – Pastor – FBC, Summit  
Craig Richardson – Discipleship – FBC, Summit  
Steve Stone – Assoc. Exec. Dir., Church Growth, MBCB  
Jackson

Features  
“Telling the Rest of the Story”  
Break-out Sessions  
Update on the movie *Courageous*  
Panel on “Where God is at Work”

Reservations  
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## MBCEF Program Leaders

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## Pray this day for...

*"I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world."*

*John 16:33*

Pray for: **Kaye Brooks\***, IMB missionary ministering to American Peoples in Chile through church planting.

Pray for: a team from **Star BC** as they travel to south-east Asia to minister through an IMB worker retreat, Oct. 17-29.

Pray for: missionaries who are stateside getting children settled into college in the States. Pray for these families as many will be going back to the field soon, leaving their college students behind to study.

Pray for: the SEND Vancouver Coalition Meeting, an effort to form a coalition for planting churches in Vancouver, Oct. 19-21.

Pray for: Mississippi churches in the Commitment Phase of the 2012 missions emphasis on reaching England. Pray God will reveal His direction for your church's involvement.

Pray for: new churches in a Central Asia nation where workers are being forced to leave due to visa requirement changes. Pray that new churches will continue to thrive under indigenous leaders.

Pray for: **John and Claudia Brown**, IMB missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples in Malawi through church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Thomas\* and Kerri Dewett**, IMB missionaries ministering to American Peoples in the Dominican Republic through church and home outreach, evangelism and hospitality coordination.

Pray for: **Guy\* and Cindy\* DeMars**, IMB missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples in Senegal through church and home outreach, evangelism and hospitality coordination.

Pray for: **Donald\* and Donna\* Brown**, IMB missionaries ministering to European Peoples in Romania through church and home outreach, evangelism and church planting.

Pray for: **David and Pamela\* Carlton**, IMB missionaries ministering to European Peoples in South Africa through church and home outreach, evangelism, and theological education.

Pray for: **Richard\* and Wanda Clark**, IMB missionaries ministering to European Peoples in Sub-Saharan African Peoples in South Africa through church and home outreach, evangelism, and theological education.

Pray for: **Ken & Elaine Rhodes, Ronnie & Beverly Cotttingham, and Nichole Lambert** as they lead a retreat in Ohio for ministers and their wives, Oct. 13-16.

Pray for: **Matthew\* and Megan\* Brewer**, IMB missionaries ministering to European Peoples in Hungary through church and home outreach and evangelism.

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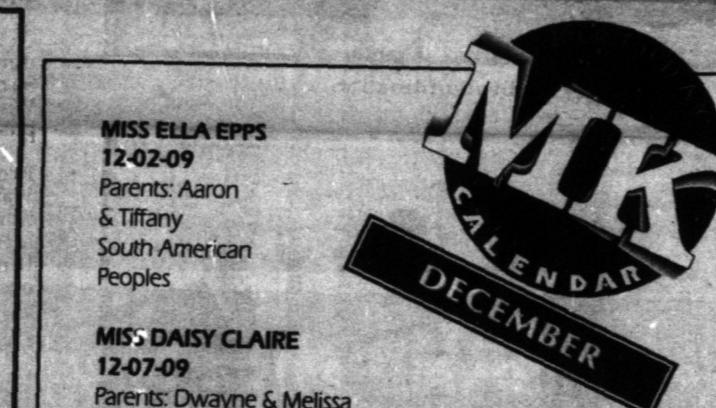


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**HOUSE TOPS**

Oct. 14 - 27, 2011

## JUST FOR THE RECORD

1. Bunker Hill Church, Columbia, is hosting Calm Assurance in concert on Oct. 16, 6 p.m.

2. The GA's from

Montgomery Church,

Summit, participated in

the unit, Game On!,

Sept. 28. Shown are

Alayna Moak, Cloie

Taylor, Kaylee Brown,

Taylor Pickett, Reagan

Kirkland, Katelynn

Palmer, and Annie

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3. Williamsville Church, Kosciusko, ordained Stan Beall as deacon Sept. 25. Shown are Beall, his wife Tammy, Margaret Davis, and pastor Junior Davis.

4. Corinth Church, Heidelberg, will hold its annual fall festival Oct. 29, 5 - 8 p.m., including fun, food, games, prizes, balloons, cakewalks, hayrides, an inflatable slide, door prizes, and more.

5. Crowder Church, Crowder, licensed Chris Boland, Ethan Waldrip, and Ben Womble to the gospel ministry on Oct. 2. Shown are student minister Jeremy Sartain, Boland, Waldrip, Womble, and pastor Larry Kilgore.

6. Providence Church, Hattiesburg, presented Sunday School perfect attendance awards to three members. Shown are assistant Sunday School director Winfred Johnson, Opal Townsend, Nancy Gibson, Hazel Campbell (42 years perfect attendance), and minister of youth and associate pastor Manning Minton.

7. Doty Springs Church, Attala Association, ordained Randy Rhodes as deacon on Oct. 2. Shown are pastor Larry Odom, Brenda Rhodes, and Rhodes.

8. Morgan Chapel Church, Sturgis, held a baby dedication service. Shown are the families with pastor Ralph Windle.

9. Crestview Church, Petal, ordained Mark O'Mary as deacon on Oct. 2. Shown are O'Mary and pastor Stephen Smith.

10. Hope Church, Neshoba County, ordained Allen White as a deacon Sept. 11. He is shown with his pastor, Dennis Duvall.



7. Rhodes ordination



8. Morgan Chapel Church, Sturgis



9. O'Mary ordination



10. White ordination



2. Montgomery Church, Summit



3. Beall ordination



5. Crowder Church, Crowder



6. Providence Church, Hattiesburg

## Hotel/Motel Accommodations for the 2011 Mississippi Baptist Convention

**Hotel/Motel rates effective October 30 – November 2, 2011. When you ask for reservations, be sure to tell them you are attending the Mississippi Baptist Convention. OT – occupancy tax.**

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• Cabot Lodge Jackson North, 120 Dyess Rd., Ridgeland 39157. \$89.00 Single/Double per night + tax (8%). Hot/cold breakfast. 601-957-0757.

• Brentwood Inn and Suites, 145 Soldier Colony Rd., Canton 39046. \$62.99 Single/Double per night + tax (9%). Hot breakfast. 601-859-7575.

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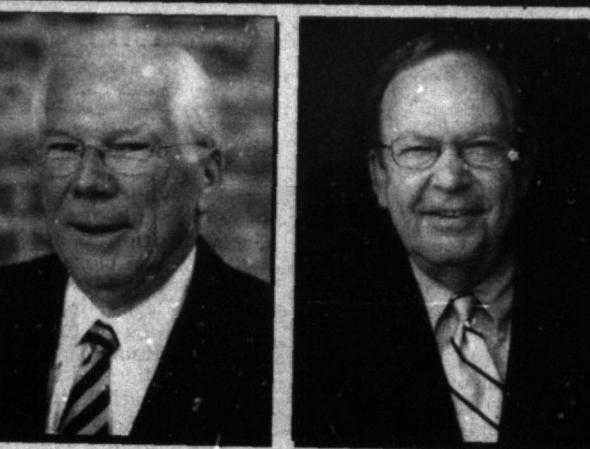
• Hilton Garden Inn, 438 Riverwind Drive, Pearl 39208. \$119.00 Single/Double per night + tax (9%). Breakfast \$8.95 per person. 601-933-1174.

• Holiday Inn Express, 5569 I-55 South, Byram 39272. \$79.00 Single/Double per night + tax (10%). Hot/cold complimentary breakfast. 601-346-8118.

For other Mississippi Baptist Convention related news, updates and information, visit us online at [www.mbc.org](http://www.mbc.org).

## COLLEGE AND SEMINARY NEWS

- Mississippi College trustees chairman Roy Ward will receive the school's Award of Excellence Oct. 21. He and other award winners will be honored at a dinner during homecoming weekend at 6 p.m. at Anderson Hall.



1. Ward

2. Lee

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# Congress opens investigation into Planned Parenthood irregularities

WASHINGTON (BP and local reports) — A congressional committee has launched an investigation of scandal-plagued Planned Parenthood, the country's largest abortion provider and a strong opponent of Initiative 26 (Personhood Amendment) in Mississippi even though the organization does not own a clinic in the state.

The House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee is examining the policies and practices of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and its 83 affiliates. A Sept. 15 letter from Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., to Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards that sought information about the organization's use of federal funds and compliance with federal law was made public Sept. 27.

In the letter, Stearns asked Richards to provide audits, documentation, policies, and procedures regarding such issues as improper billing, segregation of federal funds from abortion services, and reporting of suspected sex abuse and human trafficking.

Stearns is chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, which is under the Energy and Commerce Committee. Planned Parenthood and some congressional allies criticized Stearns' action, but pro-life advocates welcomed the news.

"I can think of very few organizations that are more deserving of a thorough federal investigation than Planned Parenthood," said Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission in Nashville.

"How they spend approximately \$363 million in taxpayer

money annually is certainly a legitimate subject for congressional oversight and concern. This anti-life organization with a nefarious eugenics and racist past should not be getting any government funding — period — but as long as they are getting government funding, they should be the subject of aggressive congressional scrutiny."

Charmaine Yoest, president of Americans United for Life (AUL), said the request for Planned Parenthood's records is "a historic first step in getting the American taxpayer out of the business of subsidizing abortion."

Lila Rose, president of the youthful, pro-life organization Live Action, described Stearns' letter as "essential to protecting victims of abuse, our young girls, and our unborn brothers and sisters."

AUL and Live Action both have conducted their own investigations into Planned Parenthood.

In a 181-page report released in July, AUL documented known and alleged abuses by Planned Parenthood over a 20-year period and called on Congress to investigate it for misuse of government funds and circumvention of state laws.

Live Action's undercover investigations in recent years have disclosed a variety of unsavory practices in Planned Parenthood clinics. This year, a hidden-camera sting in several states showed Planned Parenthood employees demonstrating a willingness to aid self-professed sex traffickers whose prostitutes supposedly were in their early teens.

The congressional investigation targets an organization that received more than \$363 million

in government grants and contracts from federal, state, and local sources in 2008-09. While Planned Parenthood's affiliates provide contraceptives and some health-care services, their abortion advocacy especially has elicited opposition.

Planned Parenthood's number of abortions and share of the abortion market has increased as government funding has increased over the years. Planned Parenthood's affiliates performed more than 332,000 abortions in 2009.

While Planned Parenthood's annual abortion totals have grown, the number of abortions in the United States has decreased by about one-fourth since 1990. Planned Parenthood signaled last year its apparent intention to continue to increase its abortion business when it issued a requirement that each of its affiliates have at least one clinic performing the procedure by 2013.

In his letter, Stearns' requests of Richards included:

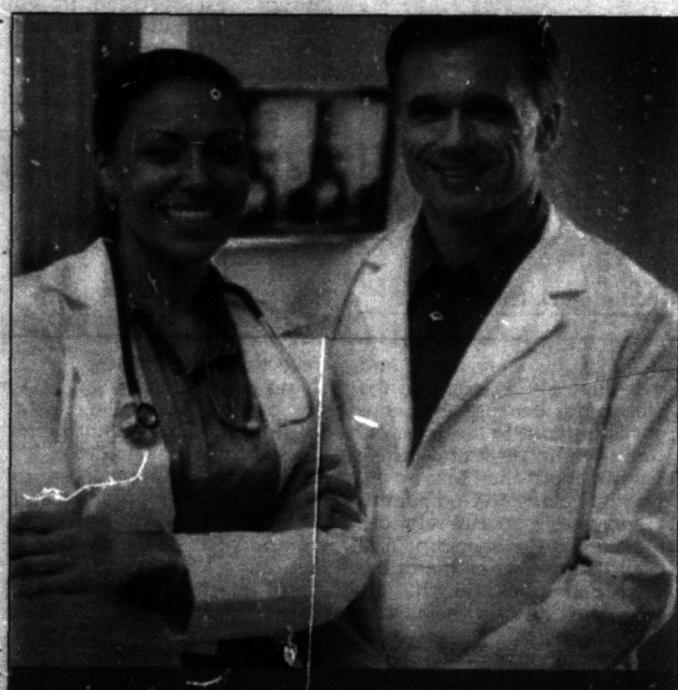
- Internal audits dating to 1998 that reveal incidents of improper billing in such federal programs as Medicaid and Title X family planning.
- State audits of Planned Parenthood A since 1991.
- Documentation that confirms Planned Parenthood and its affiliates are not using federal money to underwrite abortion.
- An explanation of how funding for family planning is kept separate from money for abortion services.
- Policies and procedures that guarantee Planned Parenthood clinics report all suspected cases of sexual abuse, including statutory rape, to authorities.

## STAFF CHANGES



1. The Cotherns

1. Mt. Olive Church, Smithdale, has called Richard Cothern as pastor. Shown are Cothorn, his wife Darlene, and children, Lisa and Steven.



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